

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please amend claims 16 and 25 as indicated below.

1. (Previously Presented) A food formulation for the child-safe preparation of an edible foodstuff that is representational of a target food item that is a milkshake, smoothie beverage, fondue, or sorbet, where the edible foodstuff is preparable by the addition of water at or below room temperature to the food formulation without heating, the edible foodstuff having a texture and a flavor appropriate for the target food item, and where the food formulation includes

82-86% sugar, 1-2% lactic acid, 0-1% citric acid, 2-3% gum blend, 1-2% sodium alginate, 1-5% nondairy creamer, and 5-7% maltodextrin;

or

78-80% sugar, 1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, and 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate;

or

75-76% sugar, 15-16% nonfat dry milk powder, 6-7% modified food starch, 1-2% guar gum, and 0-0.5% maltodextrin;

or

79-84% sugar, 5-7% sodium alginate, 1-3% citric acid, 7-10% modified food starch, 0.4-0.5% dicalcium phosphate, and 0.1-0.4% maltodextrin;
and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

2. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the edible foodstuff has an appearance that is appropriate for the target food item.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the food formulation is provided in at least one sealed packet.

5. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the food formulation includes a topping for application to the edible foodstuff.

6. (Original) The food formulation of claim 5, wherein the topping includes candy or sugar sprinkles.

7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the target food item

is a milkshake or a smoothie beverage having a composition that includes:

82-86% sugar, 1-2% lactic acid, 0-1% citric acid, 2-3% gum blend, 1-2% sodium alginate, 1-5% nondairy creamer, and 5-7% maltodextrin;

or

78-80% sugar, 1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, and 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate;

and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

11. (Original) The food formulation of claim 10, wherein the food formulation includes a mix-in ingredient, and the preparation of the edible foodstuff includes the addition of the mix-in ingredient.

12. (Original) The food formulation of claim 11, wherein the mix-in ingredient is selected from candies, syrups, granola, fruit, dried fruit, and dehydrated fruit.

13. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the target food item is a fondue having a composition that includes:

75-76% sugar, 15-16% nonfat dry milk powder, 6-7% modified food starch 1-2% guar gum, and 0-0.5% maltodextrin, and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

14. (Original) The food formulation of claim 13, wherein the food formulation includes dipable ingredients for dipping in the edible foodstuff.

15. (Original) The food formulation of claim 14, where the dipable ingredients include at least one of marshmallow candies and edible gelatin candies.

16. (Currently Amended) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the target food item is a ~~sorbet~~ milkshake having a composition that includes:

1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, and 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate, and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A food formulation as claimed in claim 1, where preparation of the edible foodstuff facilitates constructive play by simulating preparation of the target food item.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The food formulation of claim 18, wherein the food formulation includes at least one of a topping or mix-in ingredient for application to or

mixing into the edible foodstuff.

21. (Original) The food formulation of claim 20, wherein the topping or mix-in ingredient includes at least one of candies, sugar, fruits, dried fruits, or dehydrated fruits.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The food formulation of claim 18, wherein the target food item is a milkshake or a smoothie beverage, the food formulation having a composition that includes:

82-86% sugar, 1-2% lactic acid, 0-1% citric acid, 2-3% gum blend, 1-2% sodium alginate, 1-5% nondairy creamer, and 5-7% maltodextrin;

or

78-80% sugar, 1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, and 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate; and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

24. (Previously Presented) The food formulation of claim 18, wherein the target food item is a fondue, the food formulation having a composition that includes 75-76% sugar, 15-16% nonfat dry milk powder, 6-7% modified food starch, 1-2% guar gum, 0-0.5% maltodextrin, and optionally includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors,

and includes dippable ingredients for dipping in the edible foodstuff.

25. (Previously Presented) The food formulation of claim 18, wherein the target food item is a ~~serbet~~ milkshake, the food formulation having a composition that includes 1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate, and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

26. (Cancelled)